

November and December 2018

Visually Impaired Program Newsletter

City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

Specialized Recreation & Inclusion Services

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The Visually Impaired Program is intended for individuals 18 and older with visual impairments, unless otherwise noted.

Program registration numbers will be reviewed 2 weeks in advance, with a final decision made 1 week in advance as to whether minimum registration #s have been met to determine whether there is sufficient registration to hold the program. This is consistent with other City programs and provides the opportunity for respectful and timely communication for participants, staff and program locations.

All participants must complete and sign a Participation Form before participating in any activity. These forms are valid for one year. Please be prepared to complete prior to event participation.

Program Information:

- Registration numbers for programs will be reviewed 2 weeks in advance, with a final decision made 1 week in advance as to whether minimum registration #s have been met. Some specific programs may have earlier registration deadlines, based on the specific program – please refer to the program description.
- Minimum registration numbers will vary by program.
- Single rate program fees will be advertised for all programs. Please refer to the description regarding the type of transportation included for the specific program.

Registration & Payments:

- Registration will not be accepted without payment. Participants should be prepared to make payment at the time of registration. If leaving a message to register, staff will expect payment to be remitted when returning call to confirm registration.
- Additional information regarding the City's Fee Assistance Program is available upon request.

Please reference the end of the newsletter for additional policies.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Mondays:

Darts at Five Points Center for Active Adults

November: 5, 12, 19, 26

6:30pm – 8:15pm

Registration: \$16.00

Barcode: 226852

December: 3, 10, 17

6:30pm – 8:15pm

Registration: \$12.00

Barcode: 226853

Come enjoy a competitive evening playing darts. You must register and pay for the entire month in order to participate, weekly registration not available. Meet at Five Points Center, 2000 Noble Rd, 27608; door to door transportation home.

Tuesdays:

Walking to Wellness at Triangle Town Center

Nov 27

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Registration: \$4.00

Barcode: 229681

No December Program

FAMILY PROGRAM: This walking group is for beginners or for those who already walk, and are looking to increase their physical activity. Staff will be on site to lead the group; however, one on one assistance is not provided. The group will walk at Triangle Town Center, rain or shine.

*Please note new meeting location: Meet at Barnes and Noble, Triangle Town Center, 5959 Triangle Town Blvd, 27616; door to door transportation home.

Wednesdays:

Fun Bowl at Buffalo Lanes North

November: 7, 14, 21, 28 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Registration: \$4.00 Barcode: 226450

December: 5, 12, 19 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Registration: \$3.00 Barcode: 226451

Each game costs \$1, up to 3 games, and you will need to pay the bowling alley in cash each day. Participants must be able to carry balls to and from the bowling lane and be able to bowl unassisted. One-on-one instruction is not provided. Pin spotters and rails are available. Weekly registration is not available. You must register for a month in order to participate. Meet at Buffalo Lanes North, 5900 Oak Forest Rd, 27616. No door to door transportation provided.

Bingo at Chavis Community Center

November 28 7:00pm - 8:45pm

Registration: \$4.00 Barcode: 224952

December 26 7:00pm - 8:45pm

Registration: \$4.00 Barcode: 224953

Ages: 14 and up. Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun and bingo. Braille and large print cards are available. There will be no food or drink provided. Participants are welcome to bring or order food to be delivered to the program location. Food and delivery and eating should not interrupt the program. Meet at Chavis Community Center, 505 MLK Blvd, 27601; door to door transportation home.

Thursdays:

Trivia Night at Buffalo Brothers

November 15	6:00pm - 8:30pm
Registration: \$2.00	Barcode: 226454
December 20	6:00pm - 8:30pm
Registration: \$2.00	Barcode: 226455

Put on your thinking caps and join us for dinner, and a fun night of trivia! DJ Trivia will be hosting and trivia begins at 7:00pm. Please bring money for dinner. Meet at Buffalo Brothers, 3111 Capital Blvd, 27604; door to door transportation home.

Fridays:

Audio Book Club at the NC Library for the Blind

November 9	10:00am – 11:30am
December 14	10:00am – 11:30am

No cost; no transportation provided

If you are interested in joining the book club please contact Marlene Debo at (919)733-4376. The book group meets at NC Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, 1841 Capital Boulevard, 27635.

Outlaw Bowling at Buffalo Lanes North

The Outlaw program is the nation's largest and most consistent blind bowler league. Participation is governed by league by-laws and officers. Contact Sharon Benton, League President, at (919) 755-0700 for league information and transportation needs.

November Activities

Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, November 4

4:00pm-9:00pm

Registration: \$4.00

Barcode: 224956

Join us for dinner and a movie at Brier Creek. As new releases come out, we'll spend some time socializing, enjoying each other's company, and the current features of the month. Movie of choice can be selected within a pre-determined time frame. Must be ready for pickup at 2:00pm. Door to door transportation to program location and home.

Performance at the NC Museum of History

Sunday, November 11

2:30pm-5:00pm

Registration: \$15.00

Barcode: 224967

Join us for an afternoon of music as part of the Music of Carolinas Series at the NC Museum of History. This concert features some of the state's finest folk musicians and tradition bearers. This series utilizes program notes, lecture-demos, and film screenings in addition to performances to educate audiences about various cultural art traditions that have grown in North Carolina or taken root here over the years. One-on-one assistance is not provided. Must be ready for pickup at 1:00pm. Door to door transportation to program location and home.

Meadow Dinner & Light Tour

Thursday, November 29

5:00pm-10:30pm

Registration: \$15.00

Barcode: 224963

The Meadow Lights is the largest and oldest Christmas light show in Eastern North Carolina. This family owned and operated business is also home to the "The Old Country Store", that sells drinks and over 300 varieties of old fashioned candy. We will take the train around the 10+ acres of lights. Bring money for dinner at Meadow Restaurant and for any purchases in the Country Store. Our friends from Dragons Social Club and HIP Social Club will join us. One-on-one assistance is not provided. We will meet at Jaycee Community Center, 2405 Wade Avenue, at 5:00pm; door to door transportation home.

December Activities

Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, December 2

4:00pm-9:00pm

Registration: \$4.00

Barcode: 224957

Join us for dinner and a movie at North Hills. As new releases come out, we'll spend some time socializing, enjoying each other's company, and the current features of the month. Movie of choice can be selected within a pre-determined time frame. Must be ready for pickup at 2:00pm. Door to door transportation to program location and home.

Candlelight Tour at Duke Homestead

Friday, December 7

6:00pm-9:30pm

Registration: \$30.00

Barcode: 224964

Experience a historical North Carolina holiday season with Duke Homestead! Costumed interpreters will lead you on a candlelit tour through the Historic Area festooned with period decorations as we celebrate Christmas in the 1870s. Enjoy traditional storytelling, hot cider, and cookies. Become a part of Christmas at Duke Homestead as you move through the historic home and help decorate a Christmas tree in true Victorian style. Join our carolers for songs around a fire. One-on-one assistance is not provided. We will meet at Jaycee Community Center, 2405 Wade Avenue, at 6:00pm; door to door transportation home.

Holiday Dinner

Friday, December 14

5:30pm-8:30pm

Registration: \$12.00

Barcode: 224968

Celebrate the holiday season with some of your closest friends at Nantucket Grill in Raleigh. Come dressed to impress in your holiday best! Please bring money for your dinner. Our friends from HIP Social Club will join us. One-on-one assistance is not provided. We will meet at Jaycee Community Center, 2405 Wade Avenue, at 6:00pm; door to door transportation home.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
ABOUT PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU
REGISTER.**

Program Policies:

- Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for individuals ages 18 and older, who are blind or have various levels of vision impairment.
- Family members must register for events noted as FAMILY EVENT with the participating visually impaired family member. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. When registering, please be sure to identify family members and anyone under-age to the office staff. Programs fees still apply.
- The only way to secure your registration is by making payment to the City of Raleigh (checks, money orders or credit card accepted).
- Registration for programs will be reviewed 2 weeks in advance with a final determination 1 week in advance as to whether the program will run.
- Program cancellation notifications will be made via email (unless not available) to staff, participants, etc.
- Registration may be left on voicemail. Participants should be prepared to make payment when staff returns the call to confirm registration. Please clearly leave your name, the event and event date, whether or not you need transportation (if applicable), when/how to expect your payment and your contact information.
- Service animals are welcome in programs and on vehicles. Participants must notify the office at the time of registration and no later than 1 week prior to the program date, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

- Program cancellations/withdrawals may be left on voicemail. However, we will follow the Refund Policy as noted below. Please clearly leave your name, the event and event date, the reason for your cancellation, and your contact information.
- All participants must complete and sign a Participation Form before participating in any activity. These forms are valid for one year.
- 1 on 1 assistance will not be provided for programs, unless noted otherwise in the program description. Travel programs will be staffed on a 1 staff/chaperone to 4 participant ratio, unless otherwise noted in the program description.
- Transportation will only be available for individuals ages 8+ or those who meet the 80lb. requirement for not needing a booster seat.
- When door to door to and from a program is available, we will pick up participants up to 2 hours before the scheduled event, based on the number of participants riding. Please be ready 2 hours prior to the program time. You will hear the driver blow the horn 3 times.
- Drivers are not authorized to leave the vehicle to assist participants. Program participants must be able to meet and load the vehicle independently.
- Drivers will only make stops predetermined by the office, except in emergency situations.
- Drivers may pick up or drop off participants at any location within the Raleigh city limits. (The location is not required to be a residence.) Please notify staff at the time of registration. Last minute requests are not guaranteed.

- Program volunteers or personal assistants must be approved by office staff prior to attending programs. Additional paperwork may be required and may take up to 2 weeks for processing.
- All program participants must be able to participate and interact appropriately in a social setting.
- All participants riding City vehicles are required to wear seat belts while the vehicle is in motion, if they are available.
- No smoking on vehicles or City of Raleigh property, unless in designated smoking areas.
- Open food or drink is not allowed on the vehicle.
- No profanity will be allowed on the vehicle or at programs.
- Please refrain from wearing strong cologne or perfume to respect those with allergies.
- Only registered participants, staff and approved volunteers/personal assistants are authorized to ride transportation.

Refund Policy:

- 100% refund/credit/transfer if the department cancels a program, 100% credit or transfer of fees to another program at time of withdrawal or 85% refund based on total cost of program;
- Refund/credit/transfer requests received less than 14 days prior to the start date of a program will not be granted;
- Refunds for medical reasons requested prior to the start date of a program will be granted at 100%, subject to verification;

- A credit may be used by any family member on the same registration account;
- Non-attendance/non-participation in a program does not entitle a patron to a refund.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

The City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation or disability in employment opportunities or the provision of services, programs or activities. A participant alleging discrimination on the basis of any of the aforementioned areas may file a complaint with the Director of the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department or the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.